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ABSTRACT

Home schooling is the formal instruction of children in the home instead of the school. This pathfinder guides readers to useful sources of information about home schooling, and is intended for any public library setting. The resources have been evaluated and chosen to answer basic questions and to serve as entry points into the greater body of literature on the topic. The pathfinder is organized so that readers may progress from general information sources to those that will answer more detailed questions. Resources are organized by category: Overview of Alternative Education; Personal Accounts and Narratives; Directories and Handbooks; Legal Issues and Curricula Guides; Magazine Articles; Internet Resources; and Organizations. A total of 21 resources are provided, including books, Internet sites, periodical indexes, and organizations. (Author/SWC)

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Your librarian is another good source of information, and will be able to help you locate the resources below, as well as other materials on this topic.

Please ask!

Overview of Alternative Education

This guide outlines the different types of alternative schooling systems commonly used in the United States, providing short summary descriptions of each, and a directory of programs and organizations throughout the United States.

Mintz, Jerry and Others. The Handbook of Alternative Education. MacMillan. New York: 1994.

Personal Accounts and Narratives

Why homeschool? What's it like? What do kids think about their experience?:

Guterson, David. Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. New York: 1992.

Sheffer, Susannah. A Sense of Self: Listening to Homeschooled Adolescent Girls. Boynton/Cook. Portsmouth : 1995.

Colfax, David and Micki. Homeschooling for Excellence. Warner Communications. USA: 1988.

Directories and Handbooks

"How-to" manuals and comprehensive information sources on a variety of topics:

Gorder, Cheryl. Home Education Resource Guide. Blue Bird. Mesa, AZ: 1996.

Griffith, Mary. The Homeschooling Handbook. Prima Publishing. USA: 1997.

Hood, Mary. Home-Schooling Resource Guide & Directory of Organizations. Mary Hood. USA: 1992.

Moore, Dr. Raymond and Dorothy. The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook: A Creative and Stress-Free Approach to Homeschooling. Thomas Nelson Publishers. Nashville: 1994.

Wade, Theodore E. and Others. The Home School Manual: Plans, Pointers, Reasons, and Resources. Gazelle Publications. USA: 1995.

Legal Issues and Curricula Guides

Deckard, Steve. Home Schooling Laws in all Fifty States. S. Deckard. St. Louis: 1996.

Klicka, Christopher J. The Right to Home School: A Guide to the Law on Parents' Rights in Education. Carolina Academic Press. Durham, N.C.: 1995.

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Gorder, Cheryl. Multicultural Education Resource Guide. Blue Bird. Tempe, AZ : 1995.
Pride, Mary. The Big Book of Home Learning. Crossway Books. Westchester. Ill.: 1986.
Rupp, Rebecca. Good Stuff - Learning Tools for All Ages. Home Education Press. Toncasket, Wash: 1993.

Books other than the ones included in this pathfinder can be located by consulting your library's computerized catalog. A librarian is available to assist you.

Magazine Articles

Articles can found by searching Periodical Indexes, using keywords such as: "homeschooling", "home schooling", "home education", or "home-based education".

Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC). Office of Educational Research and Improvement. U.S. Department of Education. Washington D.C.
Available in computerized format at some public libraries, ERIC is the largest computerized resource for locating scholarly articles in field of education.
Note: an ERIC search does not retrieve full articles, but rather "citations" that direct you to the magazine in which the specific article is published. Consult your library's catalog to determine whether or not a specific magazine is in the library.

InfoTrac - available at most public libraries
Contains more "general interest" articles, some of which can be read on the computer. Others may be citations that will lead you to the actual magazine.

Internet Resources

Educational resources may be found by searching the World Wide Web. Below are several addresses to prominent homeschooling web pages. Access these sites by typing the URL (address) into a computer linked to the Web. A librarian can provide assistance if needed.

Jon's Homeschool Resource Page: http://www.midnightbeach.com/hs
A comprehensive list of electronic and non-electronic resources, including newsgroups, listservs, books, vendors of homeschooling supplies, and links to other homeschooling websites.

Alliance for Parental Involvement in Education: http://www.croton.com/allpie
A shorter, but complementary list of links to other websites on Alternative Ed.

Organizations

The directories and "how to" books listed above contain more comprehensive lists of homeschooling associations. The following are commonly cited national organizations, but many local groups also provide information and support.

Home School Legal Defense Association
P.O. Box 159
Paeonian Springs, VA 20219
(540) 338-5600

Holt Associates
2269 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140
(617) 864-3100

National Home Education Research Institute
c/o Dr. Brian Ray
Western Baptist College
5000 Deer Park Dr. S.E.
Salem, OR 97301-9392
(503) 375-7019